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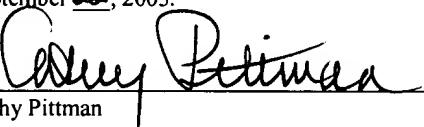
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is a response to the May 22, 2002 office action, the statutorily shortened period for which ended on August 22, 2002. Submitted herewith is a Petition requesting an extension of this response period by one month, to September 22, 2003. Applicant requests the Examiner to consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.